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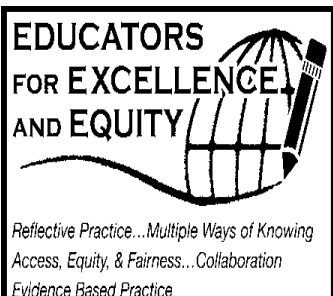
Department of Educational Policy, Research, and Administration

One part-time (10 hour/week) research assistantship is available for Spring 2011. The position will entail working with faculty members in Educational Leadership and Research and Evaluation Methods.

Responsibilities include: The project will involve assisting in the construction and administration of a survey to Massachusetts principals about the Massachusetts Growth Model. Further, analysis of the survey data and writing a report detailing the results of the survey is required. Participation in submitting the results of the research to conferences and preparing manuscripts for publication is also required.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed research skills in conducting literature reviews, managing data sets, and using the Rasch model for scale development. Knowledge of item response theory is a must. Candidates should be comfortable manipulating data and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data. Strong organizational and time management skills are required, as is the ability to work in collaboration as well as independently.

To apply, please send a brief cover letter and CV to Dr. Lisa Keller at lkeller@educ.umass.edu. //



The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 126 Furcolo Hall** or to dms@educ.umass.edu

by 5:00 P.M. on **Friday** for inclusion in the following issue.

All assistantship notices will run for two issues;
notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees will run for one.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

EDUC 500-STEP Supervisor-Spring '11

Ten hour/ week teaching assistantship available to supervise English, History, Science and Math student teachers in Secondary Teacher Education Program.

Responsibilities include: Supervision of 5 student teachers, site visits to schools, conferences with students and supervising practitioners, observation reports, weekly email contact, attendance at monthly supervisor meetings, review of student teaching portfolios, maintaining contact between schools and university, timely completion of ongoing documentation of student performance.

For more info go to: <http://blogs.umass.edu/educ510-madeloni>

Qualifications: Excellent organizational and communication skills. Classroom teaching experience in the subject area. Preferences given to students who have or are taking EDUC 851 and/or have experience in teacher leadership and supervision.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to Barbara Madeloni, Director of STEP Student Teaching,

413-577-0495, madeloni@educ.umass.edu. Application deadline: December 3, 2010

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School of Education faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing.

Sandra Madden, assistant professor, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, has been invited to present "Developing Statistical Reasoning Using Randomization Testing" at Smith College on Nov.30 in Burton Forum.

" 'Comparing distributions' as a big statistical idea was used to design professional development experiences for high school mathematics teachers," said Madden. "Randomization testing and dynamic technological tools were instrumental in the design and implementation of the professional learning experience. In this talk, I'll introduce randomization testing as enacted in this learning environment and describe the ways in which it was determined that randomization testing was a productive statistical and teaching device."

**You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on the
School of Education's website.
www.umass.edu/education**

Send items to dms@educ.umass.edu

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS 2010-11

The Graduate School will be awarding a limited number of student travel grants for graduate students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2010-11 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/travel/travel_grant_gpd_approval.pdf

Student's Procedure:

Submit your application materials (Application form, Expense Summary, Evidence or confirmation of invitation to present) **by email to Dr. Linda Griffin**, Graduate Program Director for the School of Education (lgriffin@educ.umass.edu). **Check your materials to make sure that they are saved before emailing them.**

Submit an email recommendation from your advisor or chairperson to Dr. Linda Griffin to accompany your Travel Grant application.

Applications will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted while during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst.

Criteria for nomination include merit of the project, prestige of the conference or event and financial need of the student. Awards are for presentations rather than just attendance at a conference or event. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). Students are eligible for one grant per year, although the Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration

Grant amounts are up to \$200.00 for regional, \$ 300.00 for domestic and \$ 400.00 for international travel. Students receiving awards must present their receipts to the School of Education's Business Office (125 Furcolo) within 30 days of travel. Applications are considered on a rolling basis for the 2010-11 academic year.

Research Assistantship

Department of Student Development

One 10 hour/week research assistantship is available for the Spring 2011. The position will entail working with an early career faculty member in the concentration of School Psychology.

Responsibilities include: 1) *Research related:* assisting with school-based data collection. Data collection will primarily include behavioral observation of elementary school teachers multiple times per week.
2) *Writing Related:* Assisting with research for publications, compiling references into an electronic format, assisting with all phases of editing.

Qualifications include: The ideal candidate will have developed research skills in behavioral observation, conducting literature reviews, using APA-formatting, and managing data sets and be agile with Excel and SPSS for data input. The candidate must be available to help collect data in schools during school hours. Additionally the ideal candidate must have strong organizational, time management skills, and be able to complete projects independently. Interest in social emotional learning efforts and positive behavior support is preferred.

To apply, please send a brief letter of application and your resume to Sara Whitcomb at swhitcomb@educ.umass.edu Please specify "Faculty Research Assistant, School Psychology." //

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FEBRUARY, 2011 DEGREE DEADLINES

The Graduate School has changed its graduation deadlines. Listed below are the revised deadline dates to apply for a February, 2011 degree for Master's, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements this Fall, 2010 semester.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates

The Degree Eligibility form and School of Education Master's Forms M-2 or CAGS form C-2 must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, **no later than DECEMBER 8, 2010**. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head).

The Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie with the Master's Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2) . Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but **NOT the Eligibility form.**

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates:

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 original Signature pages (signed in black ballpoint only, on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo **no later than DECEMBER 8th, 2010**. The Eligibility form (2 pages) can be downloaded from:

<http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf>

Linda will submit these forms to the Degree Requirements Office after they are signed by Linda Griffin and Christine McCormick.

The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other required materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) **by 5:00 p.m., DECEMBER 15th, 2010**.

THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!